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# OPENING REMARKS

## Matchless? You Bet Your

This publication encourages people to go out and have fun, not stay home and watch the boob tube. But I have to admit I was blown away by that great spectacle of human competition presented on network television over the last few weeks.

I am, of course, referring to the new *Match Game* starring Emmy Award winning actor Alec Baldwin. The ABC-TV reboot is faithful to the '70s daytime classic hosted by Gene Rayburn, right down to the sets, theme music and the long skinny microphone toted around by Mr. Baldwin like a badge of honor.

Few game shows exhibit the party mindset as well as this one, which makes it a perfect fit for *The Beachcomber*. It's a pure delight to see the half-dozen B-plus-list celebrities sipping on wine as they scrawl down their risqué answers. When I was a kid, it was Richard Dawson pushing the envelope with his go-to fill-in-the-blank answer, "boobs." Now "ass," "penis" and even "vagina" are fair game for the 9-10 p.m. Central Standard Time hour.

The contestants are incredibly brainless, but it doesn't detract from the fun. Baldwin is clearly having a great time, and celebrity panelists have included *Seinfeld* star Jason Alexander—coming to Niceville's Mattie Kelly Arts Center in January 2017—and occasional Beachcomberland visitor Sheryl Crow.

And there's your relevance, friends. Set your DVRs and thank me later.

- Chris

## YOUR THOUGHTS AND COMMENTS

Congratulations on attaining 15 years of publication ("What Were You Doing 15 Years Ago?," Aug. 11-24 *Beachcomber*), but it's certainly not difficult to see why you have. *The Beachcomber*, as a purveyor of information, is a true gem for our area (and is) fun to read, attractive and lively. Thanks so much for working so hard to make this available to our community. Thanks also to your staff, who make everything sound colorful and exciting. Of course, I particularly appreciate your coverage of the arts.

- Tuny Jennings, Arts & Design Society (ADSO), Fort Walton Beach



One of the highlights for Beachcomber Editor Chris Manson (left, the not-cool looking guy) this summer was meeting the great New Orleans musician Glen David Andrews at LuLu's Destin's one-year anniversary bash. There were others, but let's be honest...who can remember?

Some greats listed (*The 15 Greatest Beachcomber Albums*, Aug. 11-24 *Beachcomber*)!

- Shannon Ireland, 30A Songwriter Radio, Santa Rosa Beach

I really like **The Wide Open**, *We'll Get By*.

- Matt Byrd

## HE'S BAD, HE'S WORLDWIDE

Frequent *Beachcomber* cover illustrator **Juan Francisco Adaro**—last seen gracing Page 1 of our Aug. 11-24 issue—is the featured artist at **dk gallery** in September. The gallery is located in Marietta, Georgia, but since gas is cheap these days, a road trip seems to be in order. The reception is scheduled for **Sept. 2** from 5 to 9 p.m. More at **dkgallery.us**.

## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

We're always on the lookout for stunning artwork for our cover, any "15 Great Something-or-Other" listicles to tie in with *The Beachcomber's* 15th Anniversary, photos from recent events, and reviews of live music performances (local or otherwise). Email **chris@beachcomberdestin.com**. And anything else you think might be interesting. Get in touch!

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# Michael Lunsford — Meet the New Guy

By Chris Manson

**“He showed up nervous as all heck,”** Emerald Coast Gallery & Gifts co-owner **Jennifer Viaene** says of her initial meeting with this issue’s cover artist. “He’s a fine artist. He’s been involved with ADSO (the Fort Walton Beach-based Arts and Design Society) and has placed several times and sold at the shows. I’m trying to push him to teach classes. He gets a lot of commission work from people looking at what he does. He paints here several times a week, and we love having him.”

**Michael Lunsford** and Jillian—his wife of just over a decade—relocated to Destin from Michigan about two years ago. “(She) got a transfer offer from her job,” he says. “We came to visit to see if we wanted to move here. It took us less than a day to decide.” Jillian left that job about six months ago because “she wasn’t getting enough time at the beach or with me,” says Michael. Her new job requires less time at work.

Lunsford took formal oil painting classes starting at age 12. “I did it for six years until I went to college at Western Michigan University—which wasn’t a long or illustrious college



Michael Lunsford hard at work at Emerald Coast Gallery & Gifts in Destin.

Photo by Chris Manson.

career,” he says. “I’ve had a few classes here and there to pick up what I can. I really enjoy watching people paint, too.”

His preferred medium is acrylic, but Lunsford works in pencils for an occasional change of pace. Favorite subjects include wildlife, scenery and buildings. “Brightly colored stuff, usually.”

He went pro last November but says he’s always painted as a hobby—giving lots of gifts to friends but never for the purpose of selling. “When I started trying to do it as a job, I had no portfolio to speak of. Everything was in the hands of people I’d given things,” says Lunsford.

He arrived at the Emerald Coast Gallery this February and was

encouraged by owners Viaene and **Claire Gagne**. “They’ve been very helpful as far as giving tips about being successful at it.”

Lunsford draws a blank when asked about his art influences. “It’s tricky,” he says. “I don’t have much art history experience. I don’t know very much, so I kind of take a little bit from everything I see. I can’t really produce a list of people I aspire to emulate or have been inspired by. It’s kind of a little bit of everything. I admire pretty much all of it.”

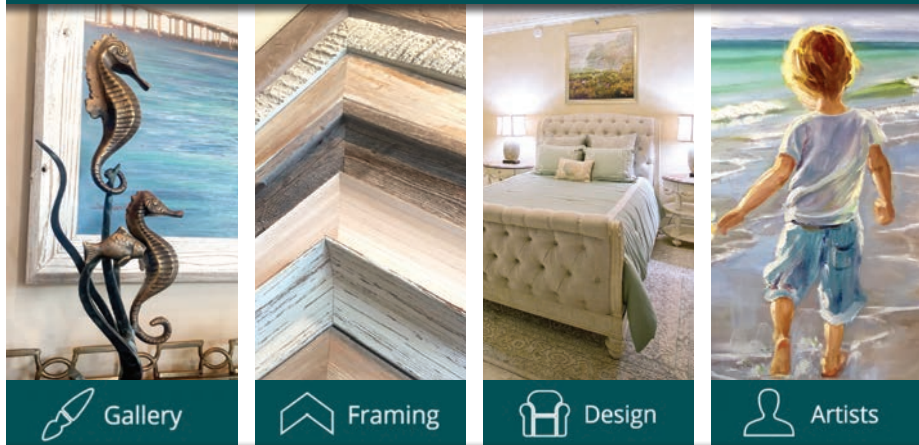
When he’s not painting, Lunsford enjoys exploring the area—“everything from walking the docks while people are unloading fish to visiting the Air Force Armament Museum. I love just about every place on the water. My favorite place to eat seafood is Dewey Destin’s—I’ve been a seafood fan my whole life. That’s a wonderful benefit of being here, the fresh seafood.”

At press time, this issue’s cover painting “Afternoon Playtime” is for sale at the gallery. “That represents about 50 hours (of work), and that painting and I have had a love-hate relationship for most of that time,” says Lunsford.



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**Wednesdays. Watercolor with Lou Kaunzinger**, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost for four-week session is \$80 plus supplies. Call Lou at 850-897-1456.

**Thursdays. Landscape Painting with Carol Ann Cain**, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Carol at 850-543-3575. [carolanncain.com](http://carolanncain.com).

**Fridays. Beginning Head Studies with Charlotte Arnold**, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call Charlotte at 850-240-7888. [CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com](http://CharlotteArnoldFineArt.com).

**Saturdays. Kids' Drawing with Sarah Coleman**, 10 a.m.-noon. For ages 11-15. Cost is \$25 per session plus supplies. Call 310-717-4302 for more info.

**ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) Classes at the Art Center Gallery**, Fort Walton Beach. More info at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**Mondays and Wednesdays. Clay and Pottery Open Studio**, 9 a.m.-noon both days and 6:30-9 p.m. Mondays. Beginners welcome. Cost for morning classes with **Pat Basque** is \$12 (\$10 for

ADSO members). Cost for Monday evening class with **Marcy Eady** is \$15 (\$12 for ADSO members). Materials and firing included.

**Tuesdays. Oil Painting with Dale Gauvin**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the Chiaroscuro technique favored by the old masters. Cost is \$85 (\$70 for ADSO members).

**Tuesdays. Open Studio**, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 7-9:30 p.m. Bring your own supplies and work with other Beachcomberland artists. Cost is \$7 (\$5 for ADSO members).

**Sept. 10 and 24. Fantasy Sculpture in Clay Workshop with Mercedes Rodgers**, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sept. 10) and 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Sept. 24). Cost—including all materials and firing—is \$125 (\$110 for ADSO members). For more info and to sign up, call 850-244-1271 or visit the ADSO website.



Mercedes Rodgers



# Art & Artists

**Oct. 14-16. Bigger, Faster, Fresher, Looser Abstracts Workshop with David M. Kessler,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$275 (\$250 for ADSO members)—students provide their own materials. Deadline for registration is Friday, **Sept. 16.** Visit ADSO's website or call 850-244-1271.

**EMERALD COAST GALLERY & GIFTS,** Destin. Call 850-460-8644 to register for classes, and visit [emeraldcoastartgallery.com](http://emeraldcoastartgallery.com) for more info.

**FULL CIRCLE GALLERY, 29 B Eglin Parkway,** Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-362-8041 or visit [fullcirclefwb.com](http://fullcirclefwb.com) for more info.

**Thursdays. Pottery a la Carte,** 6-8 p.m. Cost per session is \$35.

**HH ARTS,** 100 Beal Parkway SW, Fort Walton Beach. Call 850-218-2155 to register or get more info.

**Aug. 26, Sept. 19 and 23. "Mixed Media: Mixing It up with Linda,"** 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn many techniques from renowned artist **Linda Kernick.** Cost is \$30 per class (take one or two or all three), prepaid with cash or check. Please bring canvases (two 8x10 and one 16x20) plus apron and water container—paints, stencils, gesso and paper will be provided. Call Helen at the number above to sign up or visit the HH Arts page on Facebook.

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Adult classes start at \$85, kids start at \$35. Sign up online at [ShardShop.com](http://ShardShop.com) or call 850-231-0544.

## ART EVENTS

**THROUGH AUG. 26. ARTS AND DESIGN SOCIETY (ADSO) PRESENTS "SHADES OF BLUE" AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

The exhibition features works that are in shades of blue, no other colors. Call 850-244-1271 or visit [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org) for more info.

**THROUGH AUG. 31. ADSO WINDOW GALLERY DISPLAY AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

The August spotlight lands on **Anne Johnston** and her newest oils collection, "Beach Dreams." [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org).

**THROUGH AUG. 31. ARTIST OF THE MONTH MARY HONG AT 45 CENTRAL, SEASIDE**

Hong is a past South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured on the cover of *The Beachcomber*. More at [fortyfivecentral.com](http://fortyfivecentral.com) and [maryhongstudio.com](http://maryhongstudio.com).

**THROUGH AUG. 31. "CAPTURING THE MOMENT" AT SACRED HEART HOSPITAL ON THE EMERALD COAST, MIRAMAR BEACH**

The **Emerald Coast Plein Air Painters** present 30 works of art on the walls of the hospital's second floor atrium. The exhibit is part of the hospital's Arts in Medicine program, and you can find out more by calling Sharon at 850-278-3081 or emailing [sabele@shhpens.org](mailto:sabele@shhpens.org) or [PleinAirEmeraldCoast@gmail.com](mailto:PleinAirEmeraldCoast@gmail.com).

**OPENS AUG. 30. ADSO'S "3-D" SHOW AT THE ART CENTER GALLERY, FORT WALTON BEACH**

The exhibit—featuring works in three dimensions (glasses not required)—runs through **Sept. 23.** Reception Friday, **Sept. 2,** 6-8 p.m. Call 850-244-1271 or visit [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org) for more info.

**OPENS SEPT. 1. JOANNE JONES AT WALTON COUNTY COASTAL BRANCH LIBRARY, SANTA ROSA BEACH**

Longtime Emerald Coast resident Jones considers her work eclectic, though it's heavily influenced by the natural beauty of our area. She's a member of the Cultural Arts Alliance of Walton County and serves as a committee member for A+ Art. More at [Facebook.com/joannejonesart](http://Facebook.com/joannejonesart).



Artist JoAnne Jones

**OPENS SEPT. 1. MARLA ARMSTRONG AT DESTIN LIBRARY**

The library showcases Niceville artist Armstrong's range of work (watercolor and acrylics!) through **Sept. 30.** She's a member of ADSO and has won numerous awards for her paintings and photography. Call 850-837-8572 for more info.

**SEPT. 2-4. BAYTOWNE ART WALK AT THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, SANDESTIN**

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**SEPT. 11. URBAN ARTIST UNLIMITED GULF COAST (UAUGC) MEETING AT CHESTER PRUITT RECREATION CENTER, FORT WALTON BEACH**

From 4 to 6 p.m., get acquainted with the new "Artist of Color Group" as they plan and discuss things they can do as an art group for our community. The group is founded by **Art Jenkins**, whose work we've always admired—we hope to feature him on a *Beachcomber* cover soon! Contact Janette at [jtfwb4sure@gmail.com](mailto:jtfwb4sure@gmail.com) for more info.

## ART GALLERIES

**ADARO ART** is a new gallery with works from 2015 South Walton Artist of the Year **Juan Francisco Adaro**, as well as other well-known local and international artists. Located in the Uptown Shops of Grayton on Scenic Highway 30A next to Another Broken Egg Café. Open Tue.-Sun., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 51-1 Uptown Grayton Circle, Grayton Beach, 561-985-5767. Email [adar.art@gmail.com](mailto:adar.art@gmail.com) for more info. [www.adarart.com](http://www.adarart.com).

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Troy University). Open Tue.-Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. For more info, call 850-218-2155 and "like" HH Arts on Facebook.

**MARY HONG GALLERY** Located next to the Shard Shop in the Shops of Grayton. Mary Hong is the 2014 South Walton Artist of the Year and has been featured in over 10 publications, as well as on the Golf Channel's *Morning Drive Show* hosted by Matt Ginella. Mary's take on glass art incorporates the use of repurposed glass on painted canvas. She and her team offer classes at the Shard Shop located adjacent to her gallery. There is an extensive retail section full of thousands of pounds of glorious glass and art kits to take your ShardART on the go. We host parties and team events, too. Come break some glass with us! Open Mon.-Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, noon-6 p.m. 26 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach. 850-231-1416. [MaryHongStudio.com](http://MaryHongStudio.com).

**MATTIE KELLY ART GALLERIES AT NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE** The Arts Center Galleries at Northwest Florida State College in Niceville encompass two galleries showcasing 20 different international, national and regional exhibitions yearly, which are unique to this region. Viewing hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Visit [www.mattiekellyartscenter.org](http://www.mattiekellyartscenter.org) or call 850-729-6044.

## CALL TO ARTISTS

**Arts and Design Society (ADSO)** is calling all artists for the **33rd Northwest Florida Fair Fine Arts Show Sept. 27-Oct. 1.** Any medium. Turn in dates are Friday, **Sept. 23,** noon-5 p.m.; and Saturday, **Sept. 24,** 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee for adults is \$25 for up to five pieces. High school and middle school students can pay \$2 per piece for up to five pieces. Entry form available at [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org). Call 850-582-1329 for more info.

**ADSO's "Autumn" Show.** Open to all artists in any medium, as long as your creation celebrates autumn. Cash awards. Turn in dates are Saturday, **Sept. 24,** 1-4 p.m.; and Monday, **Sept. 26,** 9 a.m.-noon. Entry fee is \$35 for two pieces (\$25 for ADSO members). Call 850-244-1271 or visit [artsdesignsociety.org](http://artsdesignsociety.org) for more info.

**Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation** is now accepting applications for the Adult Collaborative Art Exhibit component of this fall's Festival of the Arts. The competition is open to the first 25 eligible applicants. Application deadline is Thursday, **Sept. 15.** For an application, call Deb at 850-650-2226. More info at [mattiekellyartsfoundation.org](http://mattiekellyartsfoundation.org).

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# 15 Questions with the Sauce Boss

*Continuing our tie-in with The Beachcomber's 15th anniversary... This issue, the spotlight shines on musician and gumbo maker Bill "Sauce Boss" Wharton, who performs at HarborWalk Village Saturday, Sept. 3.*

## 1. Where do you currently call home?

I live in Jefferson County, the only county in Florida with not one single spotlight. Goes from Georgia to the Gulf of Mexico. I live in the country, down near the Wacissa River.

## 2. Where did you grow up?

Orlando, Florida.

## 3. How did you get into music?

I started playing guitar and drums when I was about 12. I always was drawn to music. A few years later, I went out and got a gig. Then I went home and learned the songs needed for the gig. I did a few gigs around Orlando, using this model—get the gig, then work up the tunes. When I was 17, I was playing six or seven nights a week in clubs. I was too young to be in clubs, so the bandleader said, "When the suits come in the door, you make yourself scarce. I dodged the beverage agent til I turned 18. Never looked back.

## 4. You've performed here many times. What attracts you to the Destin area?

The bay and ocean, lots of people having fun.

## 5. What's your guitar of choice?

My 1953 Fender Double Cutaway Telecaster, and my Fine Resophonic Bill Wharton Special. These two guitars have defined my sound.

## 6. Who are some of the musicians that influenced you?

All the good ones.

## 7. What is a typical day like for you?

On the road—check out of the hotel and drive to the venue. Set up. Check in and rest. Do the gig. Back to the hotel, then do it again the next day.

At home—wake at 10 a.m. Computer work for a few hours or work around the house, gardening and other projects. Hopefully a nap in the late afternoon, then I work in my studio. Around midnight, I head home to relax for a while before turning in around 3 or 4 a.m.

Whether I'm on the road or at home, a very large part of every day is foraging and cooking my food. I eat a healthy diet no matter where I am. When I'm touring, I carry a small kitchen, pantry and fresh produce with me. When eating out, I Yelp the good healthy

options. This keeps my stamina and focus up and my fatigue down. I don't get sick much. And if I do happen to catch a cold, I recover much more quickly. It's about the long run.

## 8. Tell us about your nonprofit Planet Gumbo.

Fifteen years ago I started a nonprofit foundation, Planet Gumbo. I now donate my time to cook and perform for free at homeless shelters and soup kitchens. **(Editor's Note:** The website is [planetgumbo.org](http://planetgumbo.org).)

## 9. Tell us about your band.

One man does it all!

## 10. What's a typical Sauce Boss show like?

You take that '53 Telecaster, pump it through that '48 Fender amp, add a bass rig, mix in some drums, all simmered down over some funky swamp blues, and smothered with gumbo, and you got a recipe for a good time. It's a Soul Shouting Picnic of Rock 'n Roll Brotherhood. There's a lot of audience participation. Everybody is encouraged to sing, dance and come and put the stir on the gumbo.

Since 1990, I've been making gumbo during my musical performances all over the U.S., in Canada and in Europe. The shows transform the audience into participants in community. Serving gumbo to the audience for free has become my message of sharing. I've served way over 200,000 people for free. I bring my own hot sauce to every gig, and I cook the gumbo while smoking the slide guitar. At the end of the show, everyone gets a bowl.

## 11. Where are some of your favorite places to perform?

The list is too long. I've done a Roman amphitheater and a Napoleonic opera house in the south of France. Those were pretty cool. I've done too many festivals to name. But for me, whether it's a large or small venue, it's always a process of changing whatever place I am into that magic music place. Sustenance for the heart, the mind, the soul, and, yes...the stomach.

## 12. What are some of your favorite Beachcomberland spots to eat, drink and shop?

Donut Hole, HarborWalk, Paradise Bar and Grill, AJ's, McGuire's, LuLu's, Jasmine Thai and Café Organic to name a few.

## 13. What have been some of your career highlights so far?

Playing in Bo Diddley's backup band. When Bo walked into the venue, he took one look at the band and said—with trepidation—"Is this the band?!?"



*Photo by Eric Ilasenko.*

So we said, "Yup, we are the band." So we did a little rehearsal. After a couple of tunes, Bo asked, "Does anyone have a recorder? I'd like to get some of this stuff down on tape." So we did a 20-minute rehearsal, and later that night played a four-hour concert.

When Jimmy Buffett wrote "I Will Play for Gumbo" with a verse about me in it.

Playing all over France in the '90s to support the Virgin Records release of my album *South of the Blues*. Cooking at the Le Meridien Hotel in Paris for two weeks was nice. Also, playing the New Morning in Paris was a milestone for me. Plus scaring the hell out of Screaming Jay Hawkins with my

steaming pot of gumbo was a whole lot of fun.

Seeing a big smear of my gumbo on Pete Seeger's shirt when I opened for him.

## 14. If you could time travel forward or back for a week, where would you go?

1905, Mardi Gras in NOLA. I would like to follow Buddy Bolden around for a week.

## 15. The Beachcomber just reached a milestone—our 15th anniversary. How are you planning to celebrate this momentous occasion?

I will be combing the beach.



# Holy White Hounds, Batman!

By Nikki Hedrick

It would seem that **Holy White Hounds** are experiencing a meteoric rise, the kind that fills up the dreams of musicians the world over. Lead vocalist and guitarist **Brenton Dean** tells *The Beachcomber* how appearances are a little different from reality.

Dean and Hounds bass player **Ambrose Lupercal** have been playing music together since high school. The other band members--**James Manson** on guitar and **Seth Luloff** on drums—came along shortly later. As a group, they released their first EP in 2014, were signed to Razor & Tie Records in February 2016, and released their full-length album *Sparkle Sparkle* in May. They continue to climb the rock charts and broke the top 10 with the track “Switchblade.”

“We’re super grateful for everything,” says Dean. “But if I’m being totally honest, there hasn’t really even been time to stop and think about it. We like to keep our heads down and keep working, so when we get word that our single is at a new spot on the chart, it is exciting.”

“We’re always very happy, but there isn’t always a lot of time to process it, because when we hear something like that, it’s like, *Alright, I guess it’s time to get into the practice space and start writing our next single.*”

The idea is that every song and every album runs its natural course. As a band, Holy White Hounds wants to be prepared to follow up on their success with the best material possible.

“There was a moment when we got signed when it was like, *Man, this is so surreal. This is something that I’ve dreamed about since I was a kid.* And when we got home, we all knew that we had to go back to what got us into that position. We are so happy to be signed, but now we have to keep working.”

True to their word, during a small break in the band’s touring schedule, the Holy White Hounds are tucked away in their Des Moines, Iowa rehearsal space making demos of new songs.

“The coolest benchmark is being able to play music for a living and knowing how lucky you are. And wanting to work your ass off so you can keep doing that.”

*“I had two friends (who) liked all this strange punk music. I would skip school and go to their house and listen to music.”*

- Brenton Dean



Photo by Lindsey Brynes.

When it comes to writing, the focus is on a group mentality. “We are the Holy White Hounds,” says Dean. “We never put anybody over anybody. When we’re out on the road, everyone has to be away from their families--their home, their friends and their jobs--so everybody is making the same sacrifices when we’re away and on tour. We view each other as equals.”

“In the end, I’m not sure anyone is going to know who wrote what, because in the end all the songs will just be credited to Holy White Hounds. They will all be Holy White Hounds songs.”

As for genre labels and comparisons, Holy White Hounds have had their fair share lobbed at them. It is undeniable that a certain grittiness presents itself, and part of that is a reflection of Dean’s connection to punk music.

“I had two friends (in high school), Sarah and Michelle, and they liked all this strange punk music,” he says. “I would skip school and go to their house and listen to music. They showed me all of this crazy music. I remember not knowing what to think about a lot of it.”

“I really fell in love with those dirty tones, and that garage-y sound. And I think you can hear that in a lot of our stuff too.”

Having only been officially signed for under half a year, Dean is excited about what’s in the pipeline. “There (are) going to be a lot of announcements very soon, I’m just not allowed to talk to about them yet.”

Meanwhile, the Holy White Hounds will headline a show at Destin’s Club LA Saturday, **Aug. 27**. Discover more at [holywhitehounds.com](http://holywhitehounds.com).



# Twenty One Pilots

The Wharf Amphitheatre, Orange Beach, Alabama



Photo by Michelle Stancil.

**Twenty One Pilots have been climbing** the *Billboard* music charts since the release of their album *Blurryface*, which features popular songs including the #2 hit “Stressed Out” and “Ride,” which reached #6 on the Hot 100 this summer. Their results on the Hot Rock Chart are even more impressive. With the recent release of “Heathens,” their single from *Suicide Squad: The Album*, the alternative-rock duo earned the title “Most Weeks at #1 on the Hot Rock Chart” at 33 weeks, beating out Foo Fighters, the reigning champs at 30 weeks.

We were fortunate to see them at Hangout Fest in 2013 and happily drove two short hours to see the two-man band live at the Wharf in Orange Beach where they put on a magical performance. Literally. At one point, lead singer **Tyler Joseph** embraced his inner Houdini, disappearing from the stage and reappearing atop a concession booth.

The high-energy show kicked off with Tyler and **Josh Dunn** taking the stage in their signature red jackets and ski masks. With an electrifying light show and boundless series of stunts—ranging from walking over the audience in a hamster ball to death defying flips and leaps—the twosome kept the audience enthralled. Weaving through a wide range of songs including “Tear

in My Heart,” “Lane Boy,” “Polarize,” “Trees” and “Heathens,” the talented duo proved their spot atop the charts is well deserved.

By the end of show, which was cut short by a looming lightning storm, Josh proved he is a force on the drums while Tyler captured the audience with his one-of-kind-style of rap while playing keyboards, ukulele and guitar at various points throughout the show.

Midway through the 60-plus minute set, they headed to a platform in front of the sound booth and performed some of their earlier releases in a more intimate setting within the crowd, further demonstrating their artistry and desire to connect with the audience.

Honest, real, passionate, heartfelt and energetic are but a few of the adjectives that come to mind when thinking of the raw emotion and unbridled talent they poured out on this tour, appropriately named the Emotional Road Show. But you should be the “Judge.” They’ve already announced some U.S. tour dates for 2017, including stops in New Orleans and Birmingham.

- Tracy Louthain

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***"They Call Me the Fat Man..." – The  
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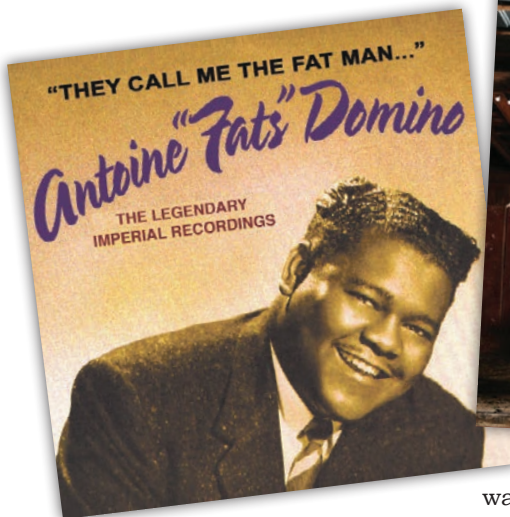
I counted 100 tracks on this compilation of recorded songs from Antoine “Fats” Domino. The Fat Man’s music was the music of my childhood—dad, mom, aunts and uncles used to sit around and sing along to hi-fi LPs I still have. If a certain uncle overindulged, he’d cut loose with “I’m Gonna Be a Wheel Someday.” Pretty much everything you remember is on this, and a lot you never heard of. The music is about as plain and simple as it gets, but it’s Fats—and that burly, childlike voice that still makes me laugh and cry.

- Bruce Collier

## Everybody Has a Plan Until They Get Punched in the Mouth

GroundUP Music

The memorable title quote is from boxer Mike Tyson. Guitarist Hunter is



joined here by Kurt Knuffke (cornet), Bobby Previte (drums) and Curtis Fowlkes (trombone). This 10-track studio recording evokes tough guys, mean streets and poison dames you don't wanna mess with. Hunter gives everybody, particularly Knuffke, maximum exposure, and no time is



wasted setting up a groove on every recording. Even the song titles tell wry little tales—"Latin for Travelers," "No Money No Honey" and "Wish I Was Already Paid and on My Way Home." There's plenty of humor, swagger and tight, custom-tailored ensemble work here.

- Bruce Collier

## Luxor Records

Pensacola-based **Scream Out Loud** has been making waves and moving up the regional food chain. The band has firmed up its identity with the new release, as both the sound and lyrics have matured. They are still within the melodic post-hardcore genre, but this album will easily find fans beyond the box.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Independent

Husband and wife duo pull off a blend of pop and country that's plumb irresistible. The Springs are soulful



and authentic, and it's easy to see stars in the making. They perform at HarborWalk Village in Destin Saturday, **Aug. 27.**

- Nikki Hedrick

## Interscope

What happens when a band begins reaping endless buzz? A well deserved reissue with new songs. The Struts are easily one of 2016's breakout artists, and word is spreading. This is a bombastic take on classic rock, and I would be remiss if I didn't include a Queen comparison. The Struts are at the forefront of a rock music movement, and I can't wait to see what happens next.

- Nikki Hedrick

## Independent

Clocking in at just three songs, the Pensacola band's EP showcases energy and an ability to balance between hardcore and metal. A dynamic representation of what this band can dole out, and I'm hoping more songs will be on the way soon.

- Nikki Hedrick





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## THURSDAY, AUG. 25

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com**  
Karaoke with TIM & RUSTY, 11 p.m.-4 a.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, www.HarborWalkDestin.com**  
DEJA VU BAND, 7 p.m.  
*Red, White and Blue Celebration, followed by fireworks.*

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
CHRIS HAYES, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ADAM HOLT, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 26

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE, 6-10 p.m.

**HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village**  
FLASH FLOOD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
JIM COUCH, 6-10 p.m.  
CADILLAC WILLY, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

**LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
SCHATZI + THE STRING BOFFIN, 5 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 2-5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

## SATURDAY, AUG. 27

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com**  
CONTINUUM, 11 p.m.-2 a.m.

**FISHHEADS, HarborWalk Village**  
COASTAL GROOVE, 7 p.m.

**FUDPUCKER'S, Okaloosa Island, www.fudpucker.com**  
BT TURNER, 4 p.m.

**HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin**  
SOMETHING FISHY, 6-10 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, www.HarborWalkDestin.com**  
THE SPRINGS, 7 p.m.  
*Rock the Docks*

**HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village**  
FLASH FLOOD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
BO ADAMS, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
COCONUT RADIO, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
DIKI ROSS, 1-5 p.m.

## SUNDAY, AUG. 28

**AJ'S, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY, 4-8 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village**  
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

**HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village**  
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
TBA, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, Noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

**STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON, 11 a.m.

## MONDAY, AUG. 29

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
WILL & LINDA PLEASANTS, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

## TUESDAY, AUG. 30

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, www.HarborWalkDestin.com**  
FUZION BAND – VILLAGE BRASS BAND, 7 p.m.  
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**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
DREW TILLMAN, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.

**HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin**  
SOMETHING FISHY, 6-10 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
BT TURNER, 5 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 2-5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
JONES & COMPANY (Courtyard), 6-9 p.m.

**THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, www.baytownewharf.com**  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 7-9 p.m.  
*Wednesday Night Concert Series*

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 1

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627**  
BRANDON DAY, 5-9 p.m.

**THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com**  
Karaoke with TIM & RUSTY, 11 p.m.-4 a.m.

**HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin**  
SOMETHING FISHY, 6-10 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, www.HarborWalkDestin.com**  
DEJA VU BAND, 7 p.m.  
*Red, White and Blue Celebration, followed by fireworks.*

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
CHRIS HAYES, 6-10 p.m.

## Upcoming Music Releases

### AUG. 26

Banks & Steelz, *Anything but Words*  
Big Gigantic, *Brighter Future*  
Charlie Daniels, *Nighthawk*  
De La Soul, *And the Anonymous Nobody* (Also on Vinyl)  
Celine Dion, *Encore un soir* (Also on Vinyl)  
Florida Georgia Line, *Dig Your Roots*  
The Heaters, *American Dream*  
Liz Longley, *Weightless*  
Ingrid Michaelson, *It Doesn't Have to Make Sense*  
Britney Spears, *Glory*  
Twisted Sister, *The Best of the Atlantic Years*  
Butch Walker, *Stay Gold*

### SEPT. 2

Gene & Eddie, *True Enough: Gene & Eddie with Sir Joe at Ru-Jac*  
Angel Olsen, *My Woman*  
Sex Stains, *Sex Stains*  
Styx, *Live at the Orleans Arena Las Vegas* (DVD/Blu-ray)  
Jack Tempchin, *One More Song*  
*What Happened, Miss Simone?* (DVD/Blu-ray). Acclaimed Netflix documentary about Nina Simone.

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LEFTY COLLINS, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND,  
5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS,  
6-9 p.m.

## FRIDAY, SEPT. 2

**BRIC A BRAC, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**CLUB LA, Destin, rockdestin.com**  
RON ADAMS – "Shadow of the King"

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
JORDAN BALLANTYNE,  
6-10 p.m.

**HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village**  
FLASH FLOOD,  
8 p.m.-Midnight

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
JIM COUCH,  
6-10 p.m.

**LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
THREE BEAN SOUP, 5 p.m.

**POMPANO JOE'S, Miramar Beach**  
DIKI ROSS, 2-5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND,  
5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, www.baytownewharf.com**  
KYLE LaMONICA, 5-7:15 p.m.  
CHRIS ALVARADO, 7:30-10 p.m.  
*Baytowne Art Walk*

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 3**  
**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**THE DOWN UNDER BAR AT FUDPUCKER'S, Destin, www.fudpucker.com**  
POST PLUTO, 11 p.m.-2 a.m.

**FISHHEADS, HarborWalk Village**  
COASTAL GROOVE, 7 p.m.

**HAMMERHEAD'S, Village of Baytowne Wharf, Sandestin**  
SOMETHING FISHY, 6-10 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, www.HarborWalkDestin.com**  
THE SAUCE BOSS, 7 p.m.  
*The Boss talks to Beachcomber in this issue's 15 Questions.*

**HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village**  
FLASH FLOOD, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
BO ADAMS, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND,  
5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

**SWIZZLE STICK LOUNGE, Okaloosa Island**  
DIKI ROSS, 1-5 p.m.

**THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, www.baytownewharf.com**  
SCOTT ROCKWOOD,  
5-7:15 p.m.  
SEAN DIETRICH, 7:30-10 p.m.  
*Baytowne Art Walk*

## SUNDAY, SEPT. 4

**AJ'S, Destin**  
JONES & COMPANY,  
4-8 p.m.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF, Miramar Beach, 850-837-2627**  
DIKI ROSS, 5-9 p.m.

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA, HarborWalk Village**  
BT TURNER, 1 p.m.

**HARBORWALK VILLAGE, Destin, www.HarborWalkDestin.com**  
THE BAYOU SAINTS, 7 p.m.  
*Followed by fireworks over the Destin Harbor at 9 and a performance by Just Add Fire.*

**HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE, HarborWalk Village**  
Karaoke, 8 p.m.-Midnight

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
BRYAN BLUDWORTH, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
ALBERT SIMPSON, 5 p.m.

**MATTIE KELLY CULTURAL ARTS VILLAGE, Destin, www.MattieKellyArtsFoundation.org**  
JERSEY, 7-9 p.m.  
*MKAF's 8th Annual Labor Day Weekend Concert features the acclaimed Springsteen tribute band. Gates open at 6.*

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT,  
Noon-3 p.m. and 7-10 p.m.

**STINKY'S FISH CAMP, Santa Rosa Beach**  
THE STEENOS with FRANKO "WASHBOARD" JACKSON,  
11 a.m.

**THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, www.baytownewharf.com**  
MATT McCARTY  
*Baytowne Art Walk*

## MONDAY, SEPT. 5

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
JASON FINDLEY, 6-10 p.m.

**LAGERHEADS, Navarre Beach**  
BT TURNER, 4 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
JUSTIN YAWN, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
DREAD CLAMPITT, 7-10 p.m.

## TUESDAY, SEPT. 6

**THE BOATHOUSE OYSTER BAR, Destin**  
BT TURNER, 6 p.m.

**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
BRANDON DAY, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
TBA, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND,  
5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7

**FOKKER'S PUB, Fort Walton Beach, 850-244-6666**  
PARADISE BAYOU, 6-10 p.m.


**HOG'S BREATH, Destin, www.hogsbreath.com/destin**  
AUSTIN JENNINGS, 6-10 p.m.

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S, Destin, www.lulubuffett.com/destin**  
HOWLIN' JACK, 5 p.m.

**THE RED BAR, Grayton Beach, 850-231-1008**  
RED BAR JAZZ BAND, 5:30-10 p.m.

**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE, Destin, www.RuthChrisDestin.com**  
MICHAEL J THOMAS, 6-9 p.m.  
JONES & COMPANY, 6-9 p.m.  
(Courtyard)

**THE VILLAGE OF BAYTOWNE WHARF, Sandestin, www.baytownewharf.com**  
THE BLENDERS, 7-9 p.m.  
*Wednesday Night Concert Series*



## Ron "Shadow of the King" Adams on His Favorite Elvis Songs

*We asked popular Beachcomberland entertainer Ron Adams—performing his "Shadow of the King" tribute at Destin's Club LA Sept. 2 with his band The Memphis Echoes—to share some of his favorite Elvis songs with our readers. Thanks, Ron!*

**"How Great Thou Art."** "The song that gets the most applause," says Adams of the song that won Presley a Grammy. "Elvis walked into the studio and had never heard the song. They played it for him, and he recorded it quickly and passionately. I do this song a lot because it touches people's hearts and has a powerful message."

**"An American Trilogy."** "I end a lot of my shows with this song and dedicate it to the people who serve or have served in the military. It always brings the house down."

**"The Impossible Dream," "If I Can Dream."** "(These) are complicated songs with low notes and extremely high notes that a lot of people cannot sing. I'm blessed with a voice (as Elvis was) to be able to sing these songs and do it in a strong way."

**"Kentucky Rain," "In the Ghetto."** "Heartfelt songs that tell a story and have a message. When I perform, I see it as a way to—just for an hour or two—make people smile and forget about all the problems they have in life. And I do not take this lightly. I see it as my job to share my gift to bring happiness into other people's lives. I donate my time and talent to many charities so I can help raise money for those in need and am glad to be able to do that with a song."  
- Chris Manson



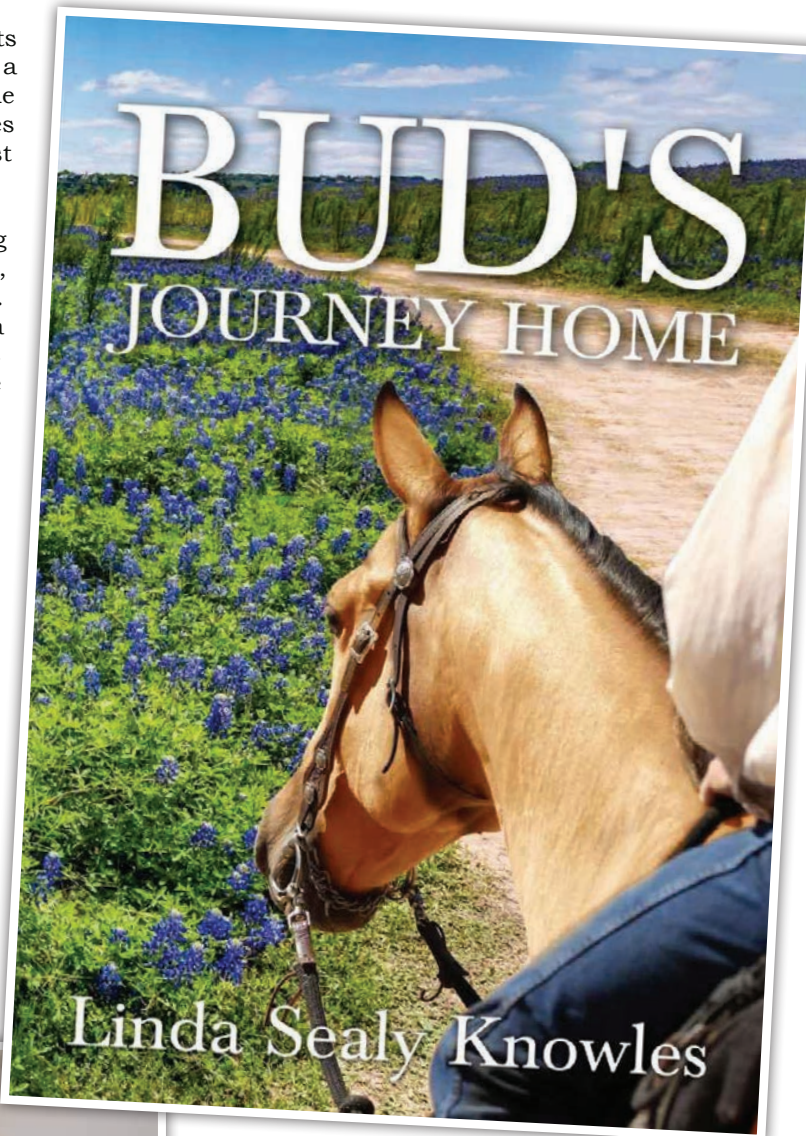
# Local Author Spotlight – Linda Sealy Knowles

Readers will be caught up in the twists and turns in ***Bud's Journey Home***, a captivating Western novel by Niceville author **Linda Sealy Knowles**. Knowles is 71 and has been writing for the last three years. This is her fourth book.

In the novel, the luck of a gambling hand changes a young cowboy's fate, and now he's ready to start a new life. After serving time in the Louisiana State Prison, Bud Downey spends many months winning a small fortune as a gambler. Feeling confident that he has won enough money, he packs up his stake to begin his journey back home to Limason, Texas.

After Downey's last winning hand at the card table, a couple of disgruntled cowboys are angry that they've lost all their money to the smooth-talking young man. As Downey travels near the border of Lafayette, Louisiana, he is ambushed, shot and left for dead in the swampy waters of the bayou.

Rosie Jourdian never dreamed that at the young age of 18 she would have the sole responsibility of caring for her two young siblings. Who would believe that life could play such an ugly, cruel trick? She was abandoned by her mama and left



Author Linda Sealy Knowles.

to raise a six-week-old baby boy and an 11-year-old brother.

While fishing in the bayou river to help feed her little family, Rosie discovers a bloody cowboy in the swampy waters. With special herbs and potions made by Justice, a black Creole lady friend, they nurse him back to health. The men who are looking for Downey discover his whereabouts and burn down Rosie's shack. Will this independent young girl go with Downey and leave the only place she has ever known all her life?

Knowles' novel is a Western story about love, redemption and family. Published by Tate Publishing, you can get your copy at bookstores nationwide or online at [tatepublishing.com/bookstore](http://tatepublishing.com/bookstore), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) or [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

Knowles' previous novels include *Journey to Heaven*, *Knows Where*, *Hannah's Way* and *The Secret*.

*This article was submitted by the author. The Beachcomber is always happy to share news about local writers. Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com) and remember to read responsibly.*

## Upcoming Book Releases

### AUG. 30

Mark A. Altman & Edward Gross, *The Fifty-Year Mission: The Next 25 Years, from The Next Generation to J.J. Abrams—The Complete, Uncensored and Unauthorized Oral History of Star Trek*  
David Baldacci, *The Keeper* (Vega Jane Series) (Paperback) (Kid Fiction)  
James Lee Burke, *The Jealous Kind* (Thriller)  
William W. Johnstone with J.A. Johnstone, *Black Friday* (Paperback) (Thriller)  
Louise Penny, *A Great Reckoning* (Chief Inspector Gamache Series) (Mystery)  
Sam Rule & Kelli Peters, *"I'll Get You!" Drugs, Lies and the Terrorizing of a PTA Mom* (True Crime)  
Guinness World Records 2017 (Reference)

### SEPT. 6

Dave Barry, *Best. State. Ever.* (Humor)  
Dennis Bartok and Jeff Joseph, *A Thousand Cuts: The Bizarre Underground World of Collectors and Dealers Who Saved the Movies* (Entertainment)  
Jonathan Safran Foer, *Here I Am* (Fiction)  
Carl Hiaasen, *Razor Girl* (Humorous Crime Caper)  
J.A. Jance, *Downfall* (Joanna Brady Series) (Psychological Suspense)  
J.D. Robb, *Apprentice in Death* (In Death Series) (Cop Fiction)  
Margot Lee Shetterly, *Hidden Figures: The American Dream and the Untold Story of the Black Women Mathematicians Who Helped Win the Space Race* (History)

Sources: [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com), [www.netgalley.com](http://www.netgalley.com)

## Recommended Reading

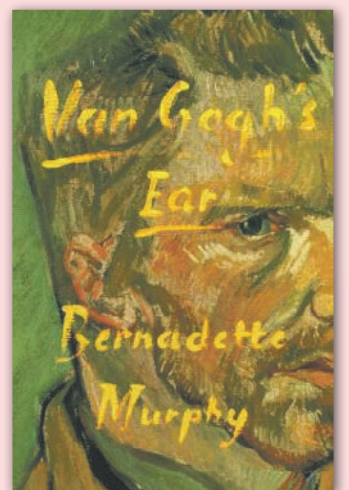
### Bernadette Murphy

***Van Gogh's Ear***  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux

One night in 1888 in the Provencale town of Arles, artist Vincent Van Gogh reportedly cut off part of his ear and presented it to a woman. People who've never seen a Van Gogh painting nevertheless know

this story. Author Murphy got curious and decided to open the "cold case" in an effort to learn what really happened and why. This book is part art history, part scholarly procedural and part detective novel. To arrive at her verdict, Murphy has to analyze letters, artworks, maps and police blotters, filtering data through culture and psychology. More than a few "truths" are challenged.

- Bruce Collier





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# Beachcomberland Events

All information is subject to change. Please refer to the contact numbers and/or emails/Web sites for up-to-the-minute details. Send us your Sept. 8-22 events by noon Friday, **Sept. 2**, or they will not be in our next issue. Email [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com).

## THURSDAY, 8.25.16

**A Better South Walton Town Hall Meeting** at 560 Grand Boulevard, Suite 101, Miramar Beach, 5:30 p.m. The volunteer organization (see page 26) will discuss its charter summary and more. [ABetterSouthWalton.org](http://ABetterSouthWalton.org).

**Red, White and Blue Celebration at HarborWalk Village**, Destin, 7 p.m. A local hero is honored, plus a vintage WWII flyover, presentation of the colors by the **Eglin Air Force Honor Guard**, live music from **Deja Vu Band**, fire dancing, and fireworks. [HarborWalkDestin.com](http://HarborWalkDestin.com).

**Third Annual Stock the Pantry Party at Food for Thought's Santa Rosa Beach Pantry**, 132 Market Street, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The family-friendly event focuses on raising funds and food items to fight local food insecurity. Bring five food items or \$5 for entry, and enjoy the Mellow Mushroom Bake Bus, local beer, raffles and more. For sponsorship opportunities, contact Tiffanie at [info@fftl.org](mailto:info@fftl.org). More info at [fftl.org](http://fftl.org).

**Thirty-First Annual Caddyshack Classic at Emerald Bay Golf Club**, Destin. Entry is \$500 per team. Registration at noon, shotgun start at 1 p.m. Food and beverages provided by **Harbor Docks** and more local faves. The event benefits **Take a Kid Fishing Day** and **Destin Harvest**. For more info—or to donate or sponsor—email [eddie@harbordocks.com](mailto:eddie@harbordocks.com).

## FRIDAY, 8.26.16

**"Beat the Heat!" Workshop at Walton County Coastal Branch Library**, Santa Rosa Beach, 12:30-1:30 p.m. **Chris Balzer** discusses energy saving tips for your home and presents live

demonstrations of energy efficient products. Call Linda at 850-267-2809 or visit [youseemore.com/walton](http://youseemore.com/walton) for more info.

## SATURDAY, 8.27.16

**An Evening of Giving Back at Bud & Alley's**, Seaside, 5-9 p.m. The 30A hotspots—both the Waterfront Restaurant and the Pizza Bar—team up with Donner-Peltier Distillers to benefit local charity **Food for Thought**. Stop in and drink for a great cause—proceeds from sales of **Corey Jernigan's** "Summer of 30A" cocktail will benefit Food for Thought. More info at [fftl.org](http://fftl.org), or call 850-231-5900.

**Saturday at the Museum at Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida**, Valparaiso, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Enjoy reduced admission price of just three bucks per person, and check out the kids' craft time from 11 a.m. to noon. Plus all those neat Northwest Florida history exhibits! Call 850-678-2615 or email [info@heritage-museum.org](mailto:info@heritage-museum.org) for more info.

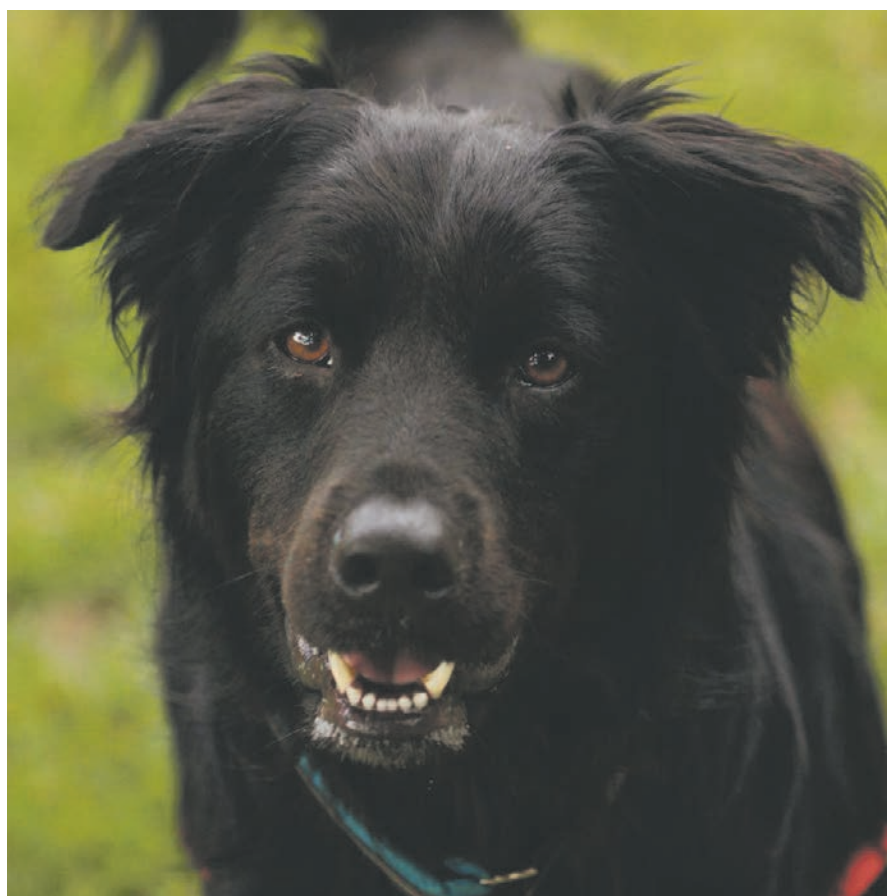
**SEASIDE Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. [www.seasidefl.com](http://www.seasidefl.com).

## SUNDAY, 8.28.16

**30A Farmers Market in Rosemary Beach**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 850-499-4697 for more info.

## MONDAY, 8.29.16

**Henderson Beach Resort Hiring Event at Emerald Coast Convention Center**, Okaloosa Island, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Exciting employment opportunities await. FREE and open to the public. Check out the job openings at [hendersonbeachresort.com/careers](http://hendersonbeachresort.com/careers).



Winston, a recent Alaqua Animal Refuge Pet of the Week. New future BFFs posted every weekend at [beachcomberdestin.com](http://beachcomberdestin.com).

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## TUESDAY, 8.30.16

**Fat Tuesday Parade at HarborWalk Village,** Destin, 7 p.m. Dazzling floats, beads and lots of swag. Live music from the supergroup **Fuzion Band** and the **Village Brass Band** at 7, followed by the parade at 8:30 and a fire spinning show by **Just Add Fire**. [HarborWalkDestin.com](http://HarborWalkDestin.com).

**How-Tuesdays at Destin Library,** 6 p.m. The library's new "make and take classes for curious grownups" take place the last Tuesday of the month and are open to patrons ages 18 and up. This month's topic is "Greener Cleaners," in which participants will learn to make all-natural, nontoxic cleaning products. FREE with light refreshments provided. No registration required. Call 850-837-8572 or email [library@cityofdestin.com](mailto:library@cityofdestin.com) for more info.

**SEASIDE Farmers Market,** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. [www.seasidefl.com](http://www.seasidefl.com).

## WEDNESDAY, 8.31.16

**Act4Murder's "A Condo to Kill for" at La Paz,** Destin. Seating at 7 p.m., dinner and show at 7:30. **Paula Hilton** and her award-winning actors present their version of a "time share" presentation with hilarious—and deadly—results. [act4murder.com](http://act4murder.com).

## THURSDAY, 9.1.16

**Bart Rockett Magic Show at HarborWalk Village,** 8 p.m. [DestinMagic.com](http://DestinMagic.com).

**Red, White and Blue Celebration Finale at HarborWalk Village,** Destin, 7 p.m. A local hero is honored, plus a vintage WWII flyover.



**Emerald Coast Children's Advocacy Centers CEO Julie Hurst welcomes the nonprofit's new board president Bill Fletcher.** Freeport resident Fletcher was last year's veep and has served on the ECCAC board for the past three years in various capacities. More at [eccac.org](http://eccac.org).

## Beachside Worship Services

**CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION EPISCOPAL CHURCH UECNA** 1928 Book of Common Prayer Service, 10 a.m. Sundays, communion service 2nd and 4th Sundays, morning prayer, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays. 66 8th Street, Shalimar, 850-651-9800.

**DESTIN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AND LIFE CENTER** Contemporary service, 9 a.m. Traditional and youth services at 11 a.m. Weekend beachside services begin at 7:30 a.m. at Henderson Beach State Park Memorial Day weekend. 200 Beach Drive, Destin. 850-837-2021.

**FAITH ASSEMBLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH** Sunday worship services: 8:45 and 11 a.m. Nursery and children's church is available. Wednesday bible study at 7 p.m. Located at 306 S. Geronimo St. in Miramar Beach, three blocks west of Silver Sands Outlet Mall. 850-837-7561.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DESTIN** Sunday bible study at 9:15 a.m., worship service at 10:30 a.m., prayer group at 5 p.m. Wednesday supper at 6 p.m., followed by youth-kids programs and bible study at 6:30. 201 Beach Drive, 850-837-6515.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SEAGROVE** Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. 4915 E Hwy. 30A, Seagrove, 850-231-2884.

**GOOD NEWS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** Sunday services 8:50 a.m., traditional worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m., contemporary worship, 4747 Hwy 98W, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-9191.

**GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Sundays 8 a.m. worship, 9:15 bible study, 10:30 worship, 4325 Commons Drive, 850-654-1679.

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH** Beach worship at 8 a.m. at Ed Walline Park, intersection of Scenic Highway 30A and CR-393, Santa Rosa Beach. Vintage service at 10:15 a.m. at 3834 U.S. 98 West. For more info, call Pastor Jason

Scheler at 850-267-0322 or email [pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org](mailto:pastorj@hopeonthebeach.org).

**RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH** Saturday vigil mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday masses, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Daily liturgies, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Holy Days of Obligation, 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Fridays, 9-10 a.m.; Confessions, Saturdays, 4-4:45 p.m. or by appointment. 259 Miramar Beach Dr., Destin, 850-837-0358.

**SAFE HARBOR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., worship service at 10:30. 801 Airport Road, Destin, 850-837-2133.

**SAINT RITA CATHOLIC CHURCH** Saturday Vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. year round. Sunday services at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Holy Day services, call the office please. 137 Moll Drive, Santa Rosa Beach, just off U.S. 98. 850-267-2558. [www.saintritaparish.org](http://www.saintritaparish.org).

**SANTA ROSA COMMUNITY CHURCH** Interdenominational service 10 a.m. Sundays. 3524 Hwy. 98W, 850-267-7599.

**SHORELINE CHURCH** Non-denominational modern Sunday service at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at AMC Motion Pictures in Destin Commons, and Sundays at 9 and 10:30 a.m. at Uptown Station Campus, Fort Walton Beach. 850-650-8658 or [www.shorelinechurch.net](http://www.shorelinechurch.net).

**ST. ANDREWS EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Service at 10 a.m. Sundays. 307 Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-650-2737

**ST. MARKELLA & DEMETRIOS GREEK ORTHODOX Church** Sunday service at 10 a.m. 400 Hwy. 98E, Mary Esther, 850-244-0822.

**ST. SIMON'S ON THE SOUND EPISCOPAL CHURCH** Sunday services at 8 and 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. 28 Hwy. 98W, FWB, 850-244-8621.

**VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH** Sunday services at 9 and 10:30 a.m. 101 Matthew one block south of Hwy. 98E, Destin, 850-837-8107.

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Beachcomberland Events

presentation of the colors by the **Eglin Air Force Honor Guard**, live music from **Deja Vu Band**, fire dancing, and fireworks. **HarborWalkDestin.com**.

**FRIDAY, 9.2.16**  
**Bart Rockett Magic Show at HarborWalk Village**, 8 p.m. **DestinMagic.com**.

**SATURDAY, 9.3.16**  
**Bart Rockett Magic Show at HarborWalk Village**, 8 p.m. **DestinMagic.com**.

**Game Day at HarborWalk Village**, Destin, starting at 11 a.m. Stop by **Crab Island Cantina** and other HarborWalk food and beverage spots

for food and drink specials and college football action. **HarborWalkDestin.com**.

**Labor Day Concert Celebration at HarborWalk Village**, 7 p.m. **The Sauce Boss** plays slide guitar, sings the blues and cooks up a big ol' bowl of spicy gumbo. **HarborWalkDestin.com**.

**Panhandle Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) Adoption Event at Pet Supermarket**, Uptown Station, Fort Walton Beach, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **paws-shelter.com**.

**Rosemary Beach Foundation Presents the Second Annual 30A Cornhole Tournament.**

"Beer, Bags and Boards," a friendly competition benefiting the Foundation and **Special Olympics Florida—Walton County**. The two-member team, single elimination tournament will be held on the St. Augustine Green. Teams will compete for the "ultimate prize package" from August + Brill. Sign up at **cornhole30A.com**.

**SEASIDE Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **www.seasidefl.com**.

**SUNDAY, 9.4.16**  
**Bart Rockett Magic Show at HarborWalk Village**, 8 p.m. **DestinMagic.com**.

**Labor Day Concert Celebration at HarborWalk Village**, 7 p.m. **The Bayou Saints** bring a taste of New Orleans to the stage. Fireworks follow at 9, plus a fire spinning performance by **Just Add Fire**. **HarborWalkDestin.com**.




**30A Farmers Market in Rosemary Beach**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 850-499-4697 for more info.

**TUESDAY, 9.6.16**  
**SEASIDE Farmers Market**, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. **www.seasidefl.com**.

**WEDNESDAY, 9.7.16**  
**Great American Garden Lecture Series: "Backyard Blueberries"** at the Extension Coastal Branch, 70 Logan Lane, Grayton Beach, 10 a.m.-noon. **Daniel Leonard**, Walton County Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator, presents options for selecting plants for this area and how to make them produce yummy fruit. Cost is \$5, cash or check only. To reserve a spot, call Cheryl at 850-892-8172 or email **haneyc@ufl.edu** by Monday, **Sept. 5**. Presented by the **Walton County Master Gardeners**.



**Tom Thumb Stores, headquartered in Crestview, presents a \$21,000 donation to Children in Crisis to help feed, clothe and care for at-risk children living in the CIC Neighborhood. From left—Aimee Brim, Kayla Denmon, CIC Prez and CEO Ken Hair, Tom Thumb Prez Mark Salisbury, Tom Thumb VP of Operations Teresa Smith, Dan Spence and David Parker Jr. More at [childrenincrisisfl.org](http://childrenincrisisfl.org).**

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9.6	High Low	1:54am 12:24am	6:26am 7:02pm	17	
9.7	High Low	2:23am 1:02pm	6:27am 7:01pm	25	

### Call for Submissions – First-Ever Kite Film Fest



The inaugural Kite Film Fest is seeking short films to include in their Destin event.

"We have quite a few local filmmakers, and we wanted to put something together to showcase that," shares co-founder **Nikki Hedrick** of the event. (Nikki is also a *Beachcomber* contributing writer.)

The mother-daughter team behind 850 Music & Entertainment, with the support from Rock Destin and Club LA, are launching Kite Film Fest. "We are going to start by focusing on short films, and see what comes our way, but we hope the first event is successful and paves the way for future opportunities," says **Heather Hedrick**.

It's FREE to submit any short film for consideration towards inclusion in the festival. The deadline for submission is **Oct. 1**. The full submission rules can be viewed at **KiteFilmFest.com**.

Selections will be notified and screened at Kite Film Fest in November at Club LA in Destin.

"We are leaving the rules loose for the first year - anyone is welcome to submit their short film," says Heather.

Further inquires can be directed to **KiteFilmFest@gmail.com**.

### Movies

#### OPENING SOON IN THEATERS

**AUG. 26**

**Don't Breathe.** The perfect heist goes horribly wrong.

**Hands of Stone.** Boxer Roberto Duran and his legendary trainer Ray Arcel get the big screen treatment.

**Mechanic: Resurrection.** Jason Statham, Jessica Alba.

**SEPT. 2**

**The Light Between Oceans.** Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander.

**Patient Zero.** Stanley Tucci, Abi Adeyemi, Agyness Deyn.

#### UPCOMING DVD BLU-RAY/VOD RELEASES

**AUG. 30**

**Deathstalker / Deathstalker II (Blu-ray Double Feature).** From our archivist friends at Shout! Factory.

**The Jungle Book.** Neel Sethi, Idris Elba, Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley, Giancarlo Esposito.

**Me Before You.** Emilia Clarke, Brendan Coyle, Janet McTeer.

**SEPT. 6**

**A Bigger Splash.** Tilda Swinton, Ralph Fiennes, Dakota Johnson.

**The Darkness.** Kevin Bacon, Radha Mitchell.

**Love & Friendship.** Kate Beckinsale, Chloe Sevigny, Emma Greenwell.

**Money Monster.** George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Dominic West; directed by Jodie Foster.

**Now You See Me 2.** Morgan Freeman, Woody Harrelson, Daniel Radcliffe.

**Road House (Collector's Edition) (Blu-ray).** The Patrick Swayze-Sam Elliott action classic gets the deluxe treatment.

Source: [www.metacritic.com](http://www.metacritic.com)



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**30A FARMERS' MARKETS** Two convenient locations. Contact Diane at 850-499-4697 for more info.  
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## GOLF

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## PARKS & PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS

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**BLACKWATER RIVER STATE PARK** NW of FWB off Hwy. 90, You can catch sight of lots of wildlife while camping, canoeing, hiking, and fishing. Milton, 850-983-5363.

**BLUE MOUNTAIN BEACH** Public parking for this access is located at the south end of CR-83 and Scenic Highway 30-A.

**BRACKIN WAYSIDE PARK** Gulf side of Okaloosa Island on Hwy. 98W. Facilities include restaurants, saloons, children's playground, beach volleyball, three beach accesses, showers, public restrooms, and picnic table.

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(U.S. 98), 12 miles east of 331, seven miles west of Highway 79. 850-233-5059.

**CESSNA BAY** Picnic tables, parking, rest rooms and boat access. 1476 N. CR-393.

**CLEMENT E. TAYLOR CITY PARK** This park is named after one of Destin's early settlers and is on Choctawhatchee Bay. Chock full of shade trees, there are picnic areas and restrooms, but no camping. Destin, off Calhoun Drive.

**DUNE ALLEN** In Dune Allen beach this access has parking, but no bathrooms, showers or picnic area. 5753 Hwy 30-A W., Santa Rosa Beach.

**ED WALLINE** A large public beach access in South Walton, providing handicapped parking, picnic tables, restrooms and showers. Intersection of Hwy 30-A and CR-393.

**EDEN GARDENS STATE PARK** An historic homestead under majestic moss draped oaks with a home surrounded by lawns and seasonal gardens. Tours of the home are Thursday through Monday hourly beginning at 10 a.m. with the last tour at 3 p.m. The park and picnic areas are open daily from 8 a.m. to sunset and located on CR-395 north off Hwy 98 in Point Washington. Call 231-4214 for more information.

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**GRAYTON DUNES** Handicapped and public parking plus beach access. Behind the Red Bar in Grayton Beach.

**GULF SHORE MANOR** Public restrooms, handicapped and public parking. 3468 E. Hwy 30-A, Seagrove Beach.

**GULFVIEW HEIGHTS** Located at the end of Gulfview Heights St, behind Goatfeather's restaurant, this access offers parking, picnic areas and restrooms.

**HENDERSON BEACH STATE PARK** This park a.m.st has it all: camping, swimming area sheltered picnic areas, grills, and restrooms. But there is no boat ramp and jet skis and other personal watercraft are prohibited. 17000 Hwy. 98W, Destin, 837-7550.

**INLET BEACH** This area offers handicapped and public parking, restrooms and dune walkovers to the beach. 438 S. Orange St. in Inlet Beach.

**LEGION BAY** Picnic tables, public parking, boat ramp and restrooms. Intersection of Ponce de Leon and Crest Dr, 191 Crest Dr, Sandestin.

**MARIER MEMORIAL PARK** Public beach area, picnic tables, barbecue grills, boat ramp, restrooms and bathhouse. Bay side of Okaloosa Island, off Santa Rosa Blvd.

**MIRAMAR BEACH ACCESS** Parking with public beach access. Scenic Hwy 98 and Driftwood Rd, adjacent to Pompano Joe's.

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# Erin Go Raw... McGuire's Sushi

**McGuire's Irish Pub** has been a Destin fixture for years. I've always enjoyed the food there, along with their assortment of house made beers and their excellent root beer. The menu there has always been pretty eclectic, so I guess there was no reason to wonder when they opened a sushi place next door to the pub.

Is sushi Irish? No, and there's no attempt here to make Japan's most famous culinary export fit into an Emerald Isle theme. On the contrary, McGuire's Sushi looks like a straight-up sushi bar and restaurant. With the exception of the children's menu, I didn't see even a hint of green about the place. The decor is red, black and varnished wood, a slick-but-restrained minimalist atmosphere that sets off the prettiness of all that freshly prepared sushi.

The walls are dominated by large framed posters of films, ranging from *Seven Samurai* to *Ocean's 11* and *Hang 'Em High*, with assorted martial arts, sci-fi and western epics in between. There's a sushi bar with stools for those who like to look and point, as well as tables. For music, it was neither Japanese nor Celtic that day, but good old Motown, blues and doo-wop. Ray Charles goes perfectly with Japanese fare.

McGuire's Sushi menu offers a few starters, and sushi available as *nigiri* (raw fish on small cakes of vinegar-seasoned rice), *chirashi* (raw fish arranged on a bed of vinegar-seasoned rice) and rolls, in which fish, vegetables and other ingredients are rolled-up with rice in dried seaweed,

then sliced. When I first tried sushi in New York in the mid-1980s, rolls were not that common. Now, the roll is king, and the mainstay of many sushi menus.

My wife and I decided to get miso soup and an order of nigiri to start, and to get our daughter Grace (the Tiny Diner) her meal—non-Japanese pizza, with fries and a drink. The place was filling up, and sushi takes time to make, so you might want to get your kid fed early.

TD got two slices of hot pizza (loaded with cheese) and very tasty fries that reminded me of souffled potatoes. Lemonade and a Rice Krispy treat added to her joy.

Among the nigiri offered were octopus, tuna, fatty tuna, squid, sea urchin, mackerel, and others. I ordered mackerel.

The roll menu listed around 22 choices. We decided on three to split—a Destin roll (tuna, avocado and green onion), Spider roll (fried softshell crab, crab stick and cucumber) and a Crunchy Shrimp roll (tempura shrimp, crab stick, and cucumber).

The mackerel came, two cakes of rice with generous slices of silvery mackerel. Mackerel's strong taste and oily texture make it a polarizing fish, but serving it raw mutes and softens that. A little pickled ginger cuts the richness.

The rolls came. They're a little messy, with sweet soy, spicy mayo and crunchy tempura flakes, but it's worth it just



popping a whole bite at once and letting the elements work. You get sweet, salty, spicy, crunchy, chewy and smooth all together. If maneuvering chopsticks isn't your thing, use your fingers. There's the added pleasure of explaining to your child why it's okay *this time* not to use utensils.

Other rolls included McGuire Roll (lump crab salad and crab stick), prime rib roll, Boston roll (crab salad, cream cheese), Canadian roll (smoked salmon and bacon), California rolls A and B, Dragon Skin roll (smoked eel and crab stick), Eel roll, Caterpillar roll (eel, crab, avocado), Philadelphia roll (smoked salmon, cream cheese), Rainbow roll (crab salad, tuna, yellow tail, salmon and other fish), Spicy Tuna/Ultimate Spicy Tuna rolls, Vegetable roll, Seaweed salad roll, Volcano roll (crab, crab salad, fish roe spicy sauce), Ultimate Salmon roll (smoked and fresh) Yellow Tail and Red Dragon roll (softshell crab, spicy sauce, roe and tuna).

McGuire's Sushi offers wine, sake, and its renowned house brews. I got a root beer, which may not be what one orders with sushi, but I never pass it up.

I noticed on the kids menu that there's a chocolate brownie a la mode and a root beer float. We passed this time.

Realizing that the miso had not come, we told the server, Wes. He duly took it off the bill and offered us a takeout serving on the house. We declined (we weren't going home right away), but I really appreciated the gesture. Wes did a great job taking care of us and a lot of other diners that afternoon.



**MCGUIRE'S SUSHI**  
35 Harbor Blvd.  
Destin  
850-650-7655

**Hours:** Open Daily at Noon

**Reservations:** Not Necessary

**Children's Menu:** Yes

**Dress:** Casual

Not a leprechaun in sight, but you'll find plenty of choice in sushi and rolls. Sit at the bar and watch the masters at work, or grab a table and study the Japanese-language movie posters that adorn the walls. Tasty, generous-sized rolls include the McGuire's, Dragon Skin, Volcano, Spider, Caterpillar, Rainbow and any number of variations. Beer, wine and sake. \$6-16.



# We've Got the Rainy Day Brews

By Joni Williams

Sometimes we wonder how Florida pulls off the whole Sunshine State thing when it's actually ranked as one of the top three rainiest states. But that's not necessarily a bad thing—just ask the good folks in California.

Drought prevention aside, rainy days can be a good time to catch up on shopping, and not just at the local malls. That's how we found ourselves moseying over to Beach Liquors for the first time this summer, and wound up with a bad case of the rainy day brews. Or, more accurately, a six-pack.

Here's how it happened. We were looking to try one of our hometown brewer's newbies, and next thing you know, we had our hands and arms full of interesting brews. So much for willpower. We blame this on our local brewers, who have obviously been busy whipping up concoctions to tempt us. It worked.

It also helps that besides selling singles, Beach Liquors is the originator of the mix-and-match six-pack, so you can try a lot of different labels with little commitment. And they're reasonably priced.

One of the most interesting we found was Grayton Beer's **Salt of the Gulf**, featuring salt—no surprise there—as well as lactobacillus. Wait, what? Lactobacillus? Does this mean we can drink beer instead of routinely slurping yogurt and popping probiotics? Probably not, but it might be this combo that contributes to a flavor aptly described as “tart.” 30A Beach Blonde it definitely is not. That is to say, this beer isn't for everyone.

But it is for us. At first sip, it delivers a big tongue-puckering hit of hoppy goodness with just the right touch of coriander and salt. An almost-faded golden color with a cream-colored head, it's nearly clear translucence may help explain why it delivers a cleanish taste that belies its pucker power. Love it or hate it, at least it avoids a chemical or fake taste. We found it went well with food, particularly anything crunchy and—crazily enough—salty. Not sure why, but this salt-on-salt pairing seemed to take the edge off its distinct tartness. It's a weird beer for sure, and we liked it like that.

Although sours like the Salt of the Gulf may be one of the hottest trends in beer right now, we know there are still plenty of hardcore IPA fans bellying up to the bar. For you, Grayton Beer has come up with the **Fish Whistle**, a deep amber IPA that's distinctly malty and sufficiently hoppy with a tease of citrus and bitter finish. And it smells oh-so-lovely.

Despite a long string of successes, Grayton Beer is probably still best known for their inaugural brew, the much beloved 30A Beach Blonde. And now Grayton brings us yet another blonde, the **Walton County Permit**, in a bikini-less, red-white-and-blue can. But here's the kicker—they're the same beer. For departing out-of-towners, though, the new canned version is not only easy to tote home,



its unmissable “Walton County Beach” marking makes for a perfect grownup souvenir. Beach beer is to grownups what mouse ears are to kiddies. Nothing says “I spent my summer vacay in Florida” quite like either of them.

They're not the only blondes in town, though. Props Brewery of Fort Walton Beach now offers their **Blonde Bomber Ale** in cans, and it's every bit as tasty as what you get in-house. Even McGuire's, which may be the area's original brewer, has gotten into the retail game with bottles of their red ale.

Likewise, one of the area's youngest brewers, Idyll Hounds, is giving us their best with **Man O' Wheat** and **Divide and Conch'r** double IPA, both in cans. And interesting cans at that, particularly the Man O' Wheat, which sports some huge jellyfish.

There's more to be had from our local brewers, not to mention others that are almost local. But we'll save those for another time. As it was, we wound up with more beers than we intended. But don't think we're sorry about it. The weather may have been bad, but those rainy day brews made it all good.



# Restaurant Guide

If your favorite restaurant isn't listed here, let us know by dropping an email to us at [chris@beachcomberdestin.com](mailto:chris@beachcomberdestin.com)!

## AMERICAN

**CALLAHAN'S** A long-time favorite of Destin locals, Callahan's Restaurant & Deli lives up to its name, offering one of the town's most varied selections of deli sandwiches, salads, and full-on meals, with everything from quiche to barbecue. Steaks and chops are a perennial favorite, along with comforting meals of pot roast, prime rib, seafood platters, and some fancier regular and special items. Lunch and dinner, beer, wine and mixed drinks, \$3-20. 791 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-6328/837-7171. [www.callahansdestin.com](http://www.callahansdestin.com). [www.facebook.com/callahansdestin](https://www.facebook.com/callahansdestin).

**CHARLIE'S BURGER BAR** Destin's first true burger bar has it all - Burgers, Bourbon and Beer! Charlie's has a selection of 17 different burgers from lamb, Black Angus, wild boar, bison, even Ostrich. If you don't want one of the already built burgers, make your own. Select the bun you would like, than the protein, pick your cheese and your sides. The soon to be famous deep fried pickles are to die for. Or live a little and go for Charlie's Funky Fries topped with different types of cheeses. Happy hour daily from 3-6 p.m. Open at 3 p.m. Mon.-Fri. and 11 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. \$3-32, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex, 850-424-7695. [www.CharliesBurgerBar.com](http://www.CharliesBurgerBar.com).

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**DESTIN DINER** Open 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Full bar, 1083 U.S. 98, Destin, 850-460-7283. [www.destindiner.com](http://www.destindiner.com).

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## Bartender of the Issue



### ANGIE BOLING

*Capt. Dave's on the Gulf, Destin*

You'll find Angie at Capt. Dave's Wednesday through Sunday, serving up delicious beverages like Dave's Punch, a mix of light, dark, spiced and coconut rums plus orange, pineapple and cranberry juices. Angie's been pulling drinks here for three summers now, and she's called Beachcomberland home for more than a decade.

As for her own favorite, she says, "I drink a lot of stuff—depends on the day. Right now it's Maker's and ginger." When she's not tending bar, Angie enjoys crafts and boating. Regular customer Angie Barr—who calls herself "Angie 2"—adds, "She's great with plants, too" before texting me a bunch of photos attesting to the bartender's botanical expertise.

"It's like *Cheers* in here every day with my regulars," says Boling. "If they're not here, we call to see where they are."

- Chris Manson

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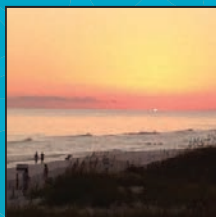
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**HOG'S BREATH CAFE** A local favorite located in the heart of Destin, Hog's Breath offers a varied menu selection, from seafood tacos to BBQ platters. Sit inside or enjoy the beautiful Emerald Coast weather, all while listening to live local entertainment. Fun for the entire family. Open daily, 11 a.m. until 2 a.m. 541 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-837-5991. "Hog's Breath is better than no breath at all!" [www.hogsbreath.com/destin](http://www.hogsbreath.com/destin).

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**BUD & ALLEY'S** This Seaside perennial just keeps getting better. Lunch and dinner daily, with a varying menu offering grilled, roasted, and sautéed fish and shellfish, quail, chicken, pork, and plenty of interesting accompaniments. Full bar, \$4-34. 2236 CR30A East, Seaside, 850-231-5900.

**LOUIS LOUIS** Louis Louis is another dining hit. This "sister" restaurant to the famous Red Bar offers a short but all-star menu of fish, chicken, pork, crab cakes and pasta entrees, served in fat portions by a friendly staff. Do whatever you have to do, but don't skip dessert. Colorful décor, comfy tables, full bar, \$5-25. 35 Mussett Bayou Rd., Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-1500.

## ECLECTIC

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## IRISH

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**TUSCANY ITALIAN BISTRO** Authentic Italian cuisine includes pasta, freshest seafood, tender veal and more. A true taste of Italy--beautiful Italian decor with handpainted murals. Live Entertainment by Eclipse (Don and Amanda), Special Happy Hour from 5-8. 36178 Emerald Coast Pkwy. Next to City Market in Destin. 850-650-2451.

## LATIN / MEXICAN

**CRAB ISLAND CANTINA** Traditional and not so traditional Mexican and Latin food, featuring snapper enchiladas, grouper tacos, and award-winning seafood chorizo gumbo. Great selection of seafood dishes and Black Angus steaks, and all are big portions so make sure you're hungry. Spacious dining area, multiple bars, even a fountain, plus the view of Destin Bridge and the East Pass. Full bar, wide choice of margaritas and beers, \$4-28, HarborWalk Village, Destin, inside the Crab Island Cantina Complex. 850-424-7417. [www.CrabIslandCantina.com](http://www.CrabIslandCantina.com).

**LA PAZ** offers just about anything you'd want from a Mexican-Southwestern kitchen, including tamales, tacos, fajitas, burritos, enchiladas and quesadillas, plus a thoughtfully prepared list of grilled local fish and shellfish and imaginative spins on classics. Daily dinner specials, full bar. \$15-25. 950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin, 850-837-2247. [www.lapazdestin.com](http://www.lapazdestin.com).

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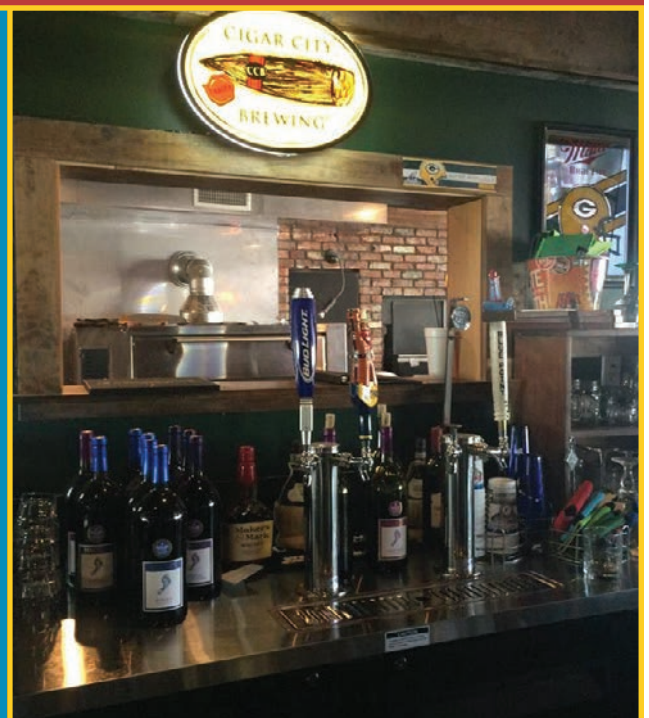
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**CRUST PIZZERIA** Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 433 Page Bacon Rd., Mary Esther, 850-737-2121.

**CRUST PIZZERIA** Pizza, calzones, pasta, salads, desserts and more made fresh. Wine and craft beers. Open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. daily. 1826 Lewis Turner Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, 850-737-2299.

**LANDSHARK'S PIZZA** Daily happy hour, 3-6 p.m. and full liquor bar plus award-winning pizza and

wings. 360 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-6743. [www.LandsharksPizza.com](http://www.LandsharksPizza.com).

**MELLOW MUSHROOM PIZZA BAKERY** Widely, wildly assorted menu of stone baked pizzas, hoagies, calzones, salads, and specialty items. Pizzas traditional and exotic include pesto, jerk chicken, gourmet white, and Magical Mystery Tour. Colorful psychedelic décor and friendly service. \$4-25. 960 Hwy 98E, Sunsations Plaza, Destin, 650-6420.

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sandwiches and gourmet Italian gelato Ice cream. We use only Qualita superior Italian cheeses and premium ingredients. Savor the passion of a century-old Italian tradition. Locations are Destin Commons next to Rave Motion Pictures, 850-424-5990; and Pier Park, Panama City Beach, 850-236-1413. Hours are Sun.-Thurs., 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fri. and Sat., 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

## SEAFOOD

**THE BACK PORCH** Experience open air dining with the best view of the Gulf of Mexico. Serving grouper, oysters, fried crab claws and our famous char-grilled amberjack. Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 1740 Old Highway 98 East, Destin. On U.S. 98 across from the Track, turn at the Hampton Inn, drive about 1/4 mile, and you'll find us on the right side. [www.theback-porch.com](http://www.theback-porch.com). 850-837-2022.

**CAPT. DAVE'S ON THE GULF** A tradition since 1977, Capt. Dave's is a go-to place for the kind of seafood that made this area famous. A time-tested selection of fried, grilled, and broiled fish, shellfish, steaks and chicken, with house and seasonal specialties. Full bar. \$5-25. 3796 Scenic Hwy 98, Destin, 850-837-2627.

**GRANDE VISTA BAR & GRILL** Located in the Emerald Grande. Open daily 7 a.m.-9 p.m. for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Grande Vista Bar & Grill has delicious local seafood, signature sandwiches and mouth-watering burgers. Enjoy casual or business lunch inside or poolside overlooking the Destin Harbor. Enjoy special drink prices inside or outside at our poolside bar. The view from our pool deck is simply breathtaking. Half-priced drinks daily, 4-6 p.m. 10 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-337-8100 x1550. [info@emeraldgrande.com](mailto:info@emeraldgrande.com).

**HARRY T'S LIGHTHOUSE** Located in HarborWalk Village right on the beautiful Destin Harbor, Harry T's has something for all ages! With entrees ranging from fresh local seafood to our gourmet hamburgers, there's something for everyone! Voted Best Place to Watch the Sunset four years in a row, our outside deck offers an unparalleled view of the Destin Harbor. Mega Happy Hour Mon.-Fri. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. 46 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-654-4800. [info@harryts.co](mailto:info@harryts.co).

**LOCAL CATCH** has established itself as a Hot Spot for fresh coastal cuisine with superior customer service. Dine in daily from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and enjoy Happy Hour Mon.-Fri., 3-5 p.m. Join us every Sunday for live music from 3 to 7 p.m. 3711 West Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-622-2022. [www.localcatch30a.com](http://www.localcatch30a.com).

**OLD BAY STEAMER** Wide variety of fresh steamed seafood served in every imaginable combination. Choose from crab, shrimp, lobster, oysters, clams, mussels, and fresh catch of the day. Pasta and steak/seafood pairings also offered. Friendly, efficient service. Open daily for dinner, with full bar. \$4-27, 102 Santa Rosa Blvd., Okaloosa Island, 664-2795.

**ORIGINAL WATERFRONT CRAB SHACK** Located on the water. The Crab Shack serves crab, shrimp, oysters, mussels, scallops and assorted local fish in an informal and family-friendly a.m.sphere. Crab steamer buckets, fried seafood baskets, sandwiches and po-boys, and some land-based items. Open daily for lunch and dinner. Daily specials, inside and outside dining. Full bar. \$3-45. 104 Miracle Strip Pkwy., Fort Walton Beach. 850-664-0345.

**POMPANO JOE'S** Come on in for some fun and fresh seafood with a very exciting flavor. Try our famous reggae rolls and our garlic crusted grouper! Lunch and dinner. Open daily from 11 a.m. 2237 Scenic Gulf Highway, Destin. Take Holiday Road South,

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### The Beach House

4009 S. Sandestin Blvd., Miramar Beach  
850-608-6300  
[RelaxDrinkEat.com](http://RelaxDrinkEat.com)  
**When:** 4-7 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$4 Bud Light on tap and house wine, \$5 well drinks, \$6 food menu.

### Crab Island Cantina

HarborWalk Village, Destin  
850-424-7417  
**When:** Everyday from 3 to 6 p.m.  
**Drink Specials:** \$4 house margaritas, \$3 well drinks and house wine, \$3 Corona, Corona Light, Bud Light and Miller Lite.

### FishHeads

HarborWalk Village, Destin  
**When:** 6-8 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$1 off premium drafts and Drink of the Day.

### Fokker's Pub

215 Miracle Strip Parkway SE Unit #1, Fort Walton Beach  
850-244-6666  
**When:** 3-7 p.m. daily; 3 p.m.-close Tuesdays.  
**Drink Specials:** Everything half price except Bushwhackers and high end bourbons.

### 45 Central Wine Bar

45 Central Square, Seaside  
850-231-4545  
[fortyfivecentral.com](http://fortyfivecentral.com)  
**When:** 4-6 p.m. daily. Paella nights Wednesdays and Fridays.  
**Drink Specials:** Half off wine by the glass, \$1 off beer.

### Fudpucker's Beachside Bar & Grill

20001 Emerald Coast Parkway, Destin  
850-654-4200  
**When:** All day long.  
**Drink Specials:** Smirnoff martinis \$4.99 all day every day. World Famous Fudpucker Punch \$5.99, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily deals with download of the Fud app.

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1318 Miracle Strip Parkway, Okaloosa Island  
**When:** All day long.  
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### Grande Vista

Emerald Grande, HarborWalk Village, Destin  
850-337-8100, ext. 1550  
**When:** 4-6 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** All drinks half off (except bottles of wine and Drink Special of the Day), plus specially priced apps.



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### Harry T's

HarborWalk Village, Destin  
850-654-4800  
**When:** Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.—downstairs bar only.  
**Drink Specials:** Half off drinks.

### Hog's Breath Saloon

541 Harbor Blvd., Destin  
850-837-5991  
**When:** 5-7 p.m., Mon.-Fri.  
**Drink Specials:** Half off wells and calls, \$1 Bud Light draft, \$1 off domestic beer and wines.

### Jackacudas

HarborWalk Village, Destin  
850-424-3507  
**When:** Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m. Sushi bar and bar area only. Bonzai Wednesdays, 6 p.m.-close with half price sake, house wine, apps and sushi rolls.  
**Drink Specials:** Half-price hot sake carafes, house wine pours, select draft beers and select apps, plus \$5 California rolls, spicy krab rolls and crunch salmon rolls.

### Jimmy Buffett's Margaritaville

HarborWalk Village, Destin  
850-460-7700  
**When:** Monday-Friday, 10 p.m.-close.  
**Drink Specials:** \$3 14-ounce Bud Light or Landshark draft, \$4 Barefoot cabernet and chardonnay, \$5 "Who's to Blame" margaritas and "5 O'Clock Somewhere" cocktails.

### La Famiglia

HarborWalk Village, Destin  
850-424-7441  
**When:** 3-6 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$4 wine, plus \$5 margaritas and martinis.

### Landshark's Pizza

300 Harbor Blvd., Destin  
850-424-6743  
**When:** 3-6 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$1 off well drinks, \$2.25 domestic drafts and bottles, \$4 wine.

### La Paz

950 Gulf Shore Drive, Destin  
850-837-2247  
**When:** 4-6 p.m. daily.  
**Drink Specials:** \$5 top shelf Margaritas, FREE chips and salsa.

### Lucy Buffett's LuLu's

4607 Legendary Marina Drive, Destin  
850-710-LULU (5858)  
**When:** Monday-Friday, 3-6 p.m.  
**Drink Specials:** \$2 select drafts, \$8 pitchers, \$3 glass house wines, \$4 rocks house Margaritas, \$6 frozen house Margaritas and Daiquiris.

### Sammy's

1224 Santa Rosa Blvd., Fort Walton Beach  
**When:** Early happy hour, 1-6 p.m. Late night happy hour, 2-4 a.m. Never a cover charge for escorted women, military, or restaurant-hotel-bar employees.  
**Drink Specials:** Early happy hour—two for \$5 well drinks, \$10 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge. Late night happy hour—two for \$6 well drinks, \$12 buckets of beer, two-for-one shot specials, no cover charge after 3 a.m.

### Vue on 30a

4801 West County Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach  
850-267-2305  
**When:** Seven days a week, 3-6 p.m.  
**Drink Specials:** \$5 house wine and discounts on well and call liquor and beer, plus up to 20 percent off select bar menu pricing.



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**STINKY'S FISH CAMP** Seafood is king at this informal Santa Rosa Beach eatery. Oysters "all ways," crawfish pie, catfish or frog legs meuniere, and gumbo are just a few of the Louisiana-inspired dishes. Service is friendly and attentive. Open daily 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Serving brunch on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Beer, wine and live music at Stinky's Bait Shack from 6 to 9 p.m. 5960 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-3053.

## STEAKS

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**RUTH'S CHRIS STEAK HOUSE** serves the finest aged, corn-fed USDA Prime beef. Broiled in a trademark 1,800° broiler and served on a plate heated to 500 degrees, your steak is presented sizzling hot at your table. Happy hour daily from 5 to 7 p.m. in any of our three bars, including the new East Bar. We boast an array of private event spaces, our own private billiard room, valet parking, and live entertainment five nights a week from *Billboard*-charting recording artist Michael J Thomas (upon availability). Open seven days a week at 5 p.m. For reservations, call 850-837-RUTH (7884) or visit [www.RuthsChrisDestin.com](http://www.RuthsChrisDestin.com).

**SEAGAR'S PRIME STEAKS & SEAFOOD** The area's first AAA 4-Diamond restaurant specializing in the finest prime beef and freshest seafood available. Private

dining facilities and wine room with more than 800 labels. Features tableside preparations and live piano nightly. Reservations recommended. 622-1500. \$10-50, 4000 Sandestin Blvd., at the Hilton Sandestin. [www.SeagarsDestin.com](http://www.SeagarsDestin.com)

## SUSHI

**JACKACUDAS SEAFOOD & SUSHI** is a locally-owned seafood and sushi restaurant overlooking the historic Destin Harbor. The name derives from a famous fishing hole located 34 miles southwest of the Destin Harbor at 30°04.250N and 87°02.125W. Specializing in fresh, locally sourced seafood and products to provide our guests with classic Gulf Coast seafood dishes with New South culinary preparation. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. 56 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-424-3507. [www.jackacudas.com](http://www.jackacudas.com).

**OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SUSHI BAR** 34745 Emerald Coast Pkwy, Destin, 650-4688.

**OSAKA SUSHI ROCKS** It's the little Sushi house on the Lagoon. Osaka Sushi Rocks offers an extensive list of sushi, sashimi, and rolls, both classic and regional specialties. Friendly, serene a.m.sphere. Tempura, noodles and teriyaki favorites also available. Wine and beer. \$4-50. 108 Cannery Lane, Village of Baytowne Wharf, 351-1006.

**VKI JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE, SUSHI BAR & HIBACHI** Serving authentic Japanese cuisine. Come in and enjoy fresh seafood, chicken, pork and beef cooked to suit most tastes. We offer Hibachi, Teriyaki, Tempura, Katsu, Japanese noodles and fresh Sushi. Beer, wine and sake. Happy hour, 4:40-6:30 p.m. Open seven days a week—lunch, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; dinner, 4:30-9:30 p.m. 4552 U.S. 98 Suite 1 & 2, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2555. Gift certificates available.

## WATERFRONT DINING

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**FUDPUCKER'S BEACHSIDE BAR & GRILL - OKALOOSA ISLAND** Find out why Fudpucker's is #1 for food and fun. Offering great food, live alligators and world famous t-shirts since 1982. Our waterfront location across from the Ramada Plaza has it all—visit **Fat Daddy's Arcade**, **Escape Zone 60** and **Fudpucker's Watersports**, where you can rent a jet ski, paddleboard or pontoon boat. You'll also find charter boats, the "Puc Dat" airboat and the Cattywampus Catamaran on our docks at Bayside Marina. 1318 Miracle Strip Parkway. Call 850-243-3833 or visit us at [www.fudpucker.com](http://www.fudpucker.com).

**JIMMY BUFFETT'S MARGARITAVILLE** From a volcano flowing with Margaritas to suspended airplanes, Margaritaville is more than a restaurant; it's a state of mind. Open daily, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Five O'Clock Somewhere celebration Mon.-Thu., 4-7 p.m. 76 Harbor Blvd., Destin, 850-460-7700. [www.margaritavilledestin.com](http://www.margaritavilledestin.com).

**LUCY BUFFETT'S LULU'S DESTIN** is located next to the Mid Bay Bridge and Legendary Marine on

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**VUE ON 30A** showcases one of the best views for dining in all of South Walton. Open to the public and serving lunch, dinner, happy hour and Sunday brunch. Named "Best Restaurant of 2014" by *The Beachcomber*, Vue on 30A offers the ultimate dining experience. Open for Sunday brunch, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; lunch Tue.-Sat., 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; happy hour Tue.-Sat., 3-6 p.m.; dinner Tue.-Sat., 4:30-8:30 p.m. Two for one entrée specials Wed.-Sat., 4:30-6 p.m. 4801 Scenic Highway 30A, Santa Rosa Beach, 850-267-2305. [www.Vueon30a.com](http://www.Vueon30a.com).

## WINE BARS

**45 CENTRAL WINE BAR** Tucked away in Seaside's bustling Central Square, 45 Central offers a calm and relaxing atmosphere perfect for unwinding after a busy vacation day or a long day at work. Over 45 different wines available by the glass, bottle or case. Exclusive vintages sold by the glass using Coravin Wine Technology. Small plates of seasonal and regional pairings created daily by award-winning chef and owner **Jim Shirley**. Check us out online for wine classes, events and specials at [fortyfivecentral.com](http://fortyfivecentral.com). 45 Central Square, Seaside, 850-231-4545. Open 2 p.m.-midnight seven days a week.

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# Why Incorporation?

## A Better South Walton Responds

By Julie Cumby

**South Walton is a gorgeous 26-mile stretch** of coastal paradise that more than 23,000 people are proud to call home. We are surrounded by the sugar white sands and clear waters of the Gulf of Mexico, rare coastal dune lakes, untouched natural beauty of neighboring state parks and bays, and the distinctive character of the friendly local towns that immediately feel like home. It is a beautiful place to visit and an even more spectacular place to call home.

**A Better South Walton (ABSW)** is a group of citizens devoting their time and energy to exploring ideas to improve South Walton's future as its population, number of visitors businesses grow. Their mission is to seek more effective governance and local representation for South Walton and to preserve and enhance its unique character and way of life. Thanks to a supportive local community, ABSW has spent the last 19 months researching incorporation and the impact it would have on South Walton's residents and visitors.

Why incorporation? Because our community is growing quickly without proper management and direction. We have no long-term planning in place to deal with this growth, and as residents and guests, we care too deeply about this beautiful place to let it succumb to overdevelopment as a result of poor planning.



Incorporation would give South Walton the right to elect a local government focused solely on serving this community's best interests. It would give residents and local homeowners the opportunity to have a stronger voice in the leadership, operational management and long term planning of South Walton. Never before in the coastal counties of the Florida panhandle has a municipality incorporated with such a large population base.

ABSW has worked closely with an experienced team of consultants to determine the feasibility of incorporating South Walton, define the benefits it would bring to our community and build a strategic action plan to execute this initiative. A feasibility study was conducted, and its results concluded that South Walton is a viable candidate for incorporation.

The results include a conceptual five-year operational plan for a municipal

government based on data collected for the study. The actual plan will be decided by South Walton's first municipal council, elected by the voting citizens in fall 2017. The feasibility study cited our significant population and our substantial tax base as strong drivers in this conclusion.

Why now? The majority of Gulf Coast residents and guests can point to an area and recall a time when it was quieter, more local and less developed. If left unchecked, South Walton could suffer the same fate. Never before has such a large community experienced such rapid growth without a plan for the future. There has never been a more critical time for change in South Walton—let's make that change positive.

On **Aug. 25**, ABSW will be hosting a town hall meeting (see Events listing) to discuss the recently released charter summary and the latest revisions to the feasibility study. Getting the community's feedback has never been more important, as it is your feedback that will determine what goes into the final documentation for incorporation.

We ask that you make it a priority to attend and learn more about the details of incorporation, how it affects the residents of South Walton and voice your opinions on what matters most in this process.

For more information on ABSW, the process of incorporation and how you can get involved by signing the petition, making a donation or volunteering your time or talent, please visit **www.ABetterSouthWalton.org**.

Together let's make A Better South Walton.

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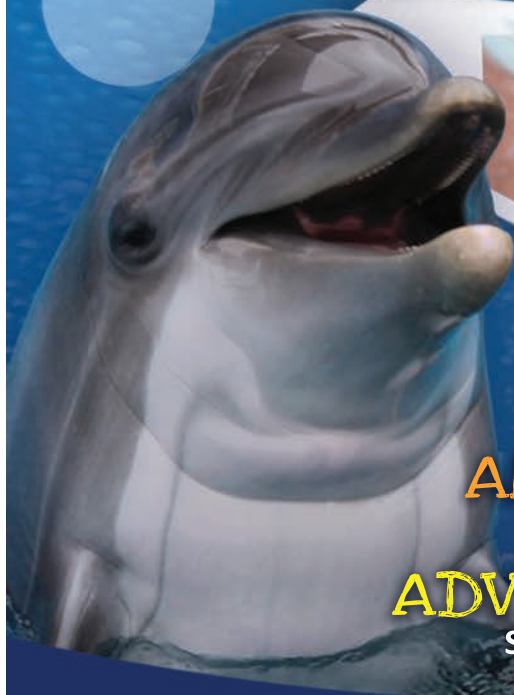
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## SATURDAY, SEPT 3 ROCK THE DOCKS

The Sauce Boss Live Concert at 7pm

## SUNDAY, SEPT 4 LABOR DAY SUMMER FINALE

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## FALL EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1 & 2 | DESTIN SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The 38th Annual Destin Seafood Festival on the Destin Harbor Boardwalk will be a weekend full of entertainment on 4 stages, live music, arts, crafts and fresh seafood. FIREWORKS on Saturday night at 9pm!

### SATURDAYS IN OCTOBER | FISH THE DAYS & ROCK THE NIGHTS

Watch the winning catches of the 68th Annual Destin Fishing Rodeo hit the docks with daily weigh-ins from 10am-7:00pm. Then Rock the Docks all night long with free live music on the main stage at 7pm and a FIREWORKS CELEBRATION over the Destin Harbor at 9pm.

### OCTOBER 13 | LAGUNITAS CRAFT BEER TASTING DINNER

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### OCTOBER 29 & 30 | PUMPKINPALOOZA PARTY WEEKEND

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